

WCI Chatter
Sunday, March 20, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 2, 2022

From: Tom H., Class B trustee

To: Trustees, Directors and Delegates

Re: ARMED FORCES MEMBERS INTERVIEW PROJECT

The Trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities is initiating the production of more interviews from members of the United States and Canadian Armed Forces.

The goal of this effort is to improve A.A.'s outreach and identification with members of the U.S. and Canadian military. A major part of this work will be the production of several audio/video products where individual A.A. members who are currently serving or recently retired will share their experience with particular emphasis on recovery in A.A. while serving in the military. This letter is a call for volunteers who are willing to help in this important work.

We are looking for A.A. members who are willing to be interviewed for this project. We would like to have representation from all Services from Canada and the U.S. The aim is to have recovered A.A. members from all ranks, all across the spectrum of age, gender, orientation and varied operational experience speak to what it is like to recover and stay sober while serving in the military. Topics which we hope to highlight would likely include but not be limited to: staying sober while deployed, perceptions of prejudice toward sober people, fears of negative impact on a person's career if they become a non-drinker and dealing with stresses and psychological impacts unique to military deployments and experiences. We're also looking for A.A. members who wish to help find those who might be good candidates to be interviewed.

A.A. Members who wish to learn more about this project or to volunteer to participate in the interview process can contact our U.S. and Canadian points of contact by email at: militaryoutreach@aa.org

Please share this announcement and call for volunteers as widely as you can with A.A. Members and Trusted Servants throughout the Fellowship. The anonymity of all involved will maintained.

Sincerely,

Tom H.

Class B trustee

Are you looking for an easy opportunity for service and fellowship?

Would you like to have a part in helping AA at the intergroup level?

Then **Outreach** is for you!

What does the committee do?

The Outreach Committee works directly with representatives (IGRs) from each AA group and the West Central Intergroup to ensure that all local groups have the ability to have a voice at the Intergroup level. IGRs represent their meeting at the WCI council meeting, vote on important matters and then have the opportunity to share information they learn at the WCI meeting with their homegroup. This ensures that all groups have the opportunity to share their thoughts on large-scale decisions about AA in the Frederick, Carroll and Montgomery county areas.

Learn more about this opportunity or get involved by reaching out to

Caitlin W. at outreach@westcentralaa.org

The latest printed Where and When's (Listing of meetings in our area) are available now, at no charge

Email: whereandwhen@westcentralaa.org

Or pick them up at the WCI Central Office
The Federated Charities Bldg. 22 S. Market St., Suite 7 Frederick MD, 21701

Important Announcement regarding Monthly WCI Council Meeting:

Beginning March 2022, the Monthly WCI Council Meeting will be held the THIRD Thursday of the month. The Steering Committee meeting will be held on the preceding Monday.

A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field

Follow this Link:

[A.A. Guidelines for A.A. Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\)](#)

Looking for a Meeting?

The Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Guide App Brought to you by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., Meeting Guide is a free of charge meeting finder app for iOS and Android that provides meeting information from A.A. service entities in an easy-to-access format. **Link:**

[Alcoholics Anonymous : Meeting Guide \(aa.org\)](#)

Meeting Information and Changes

Two New In-Person Meetings – Beginning Tuesday, March 22nd

Red Door Women's Meeting – Tuesday, 10:30 am

Red Door Men's Meeting – Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

Church of the Transfiguration,

Braddock Heights

6909 Maryland Ave. 21703

The BYOC Group that used to meet on Sundays at 2pm needs someone to take over the meeting so it does not close after almost 40 years.

That meeting was at Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick. The group has not met since COVID and has decided that they cannot continue the meeting. For more information, please contact Debbie at debbie@ddfslc.com

Meeting Change:

The Golden Mile Group

Saturday, 6:00 pm

This Meeting is now HYBRID (Live and Zoom)

Trinity United Methodist Church

705 West Patrick St. 21701

Bring your own coffee

Zoom: ID: 924 7376 5179 PWD: 263381

The Saturday Night Live meeting that meets at The Club at 10:30pm has switched their meeting time to **10:00pm.**

The Frederick Club, 205-B Bucheimer Rd 21701

New Meeting:

Friday Nite Wrap (Live In-Person), Friday at 10:00 pm
The Frederick Club, 205-B Bucheimer Rd 21701

Original Frederick Group (OGFG) - Tuesday, 7:00 pm
This meeting is now Live (No Zoom)
Trinity United Methodist Church,
703 W Patrick St (Enter-Kline Ave.) 21701

THE DOWNTOWN STEP GROUP MEETING – IN-PERSON

Sunday's 7:30 pm

This Meeting Needs Support. Please Join Us If You Can

St. John's Catholic Church, 118 East 2nd Street, Frederick, MD

Downstairs at right of church, basement of adjacent building

THE REVELATIONS GROUP - HYBRID MEETING

Saturday's at 11:00 am

The Frederick Presbyterian Church (Around Back, in the Basement)

115 West Second St, Frederick MD

Masks are OPTIONAL

This is an Open, Speaker/Topic discussion meeting.

Speaker: Paul L.

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 11:00 A.M.

(Doors Open at 10:30 a.m.)

[Click This Link to Join](#)

<https://zoom.us/j/950848616?pwd=Y3JzRHljcmtdKM2JlVDFhQnh3T2FKdz09>

Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password: 608633 (If prompted)

--Or--

Dial-In: +1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID: 950 848 616, Password: 6086

All are welcome, especially newcomers!

**SOBER
FRIENDS
7 PM
MONDAY
MARCH 21**

**DAMASCUS ROAD
COMMUNITY CHURCH
12826 OLD NATIONAL PIKE
MT. AIRY, MD 21771**

**SHANE R
CELEBRATES
5 YEARS**



THE FIRING LINE

Monday Night Speaker Meeting
March 21st - 6:00 pm EST

Hosts: Erin B
Annapolis, MD

LOCATION:
5 E. 2nd St
Frederick MD

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**Grapevine Meeting held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm
Join Zoom Meeting**



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85217774704?pwd=TVhEdFpKdmxSRINvNnJHU1pYWdVaQT09>

Meeting ID: 852 1777 4704

Passcode: 019347

Hosted by: Brandi D., Area 29 Grapevine Committee Chair

For more info: grapevine@marylandaa.org

Group and District GVR's encouraged to attend 😊 ,

All are Welcome!

***Are you looking for a fun service position? Please join us and find out more! All are welcome to attend!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 9- WORKSHOP COMMITTEE
IS HOSTING

COME FOR STEP ONE, STEP TWO OR HOW ABOUT STEP
FOUR? BETTER YET, COME & STAY FOR ALL TWELVE!!

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022
8:00AM TO 2:30PM

Deer Park United Methodist Church
2205 Sykesville Road
Westminster, MD 21157

12 Steps of AA "Bootcamp"

8:00a - 8:30a Fellowship
8:30a - 9:00a Step 1
9:00a - 10:00a Steps 2 & 3
10:00a - 11:00a Steps 4 & 5
11:00a - 11:30a Lunch provided
11:30a - 12:30p Steps 6 & 7
12:30p - 1:30p Steps 8 & 9
1:30p - 2:30p Steps 10, 11 & 12

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
WORKSHOP@D9MDAA.ORG

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WORKSHOP ALERT

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Sponsors bring your Sponsees and spread
the joy and happiness of the Fellowship!

District 40 Presents a

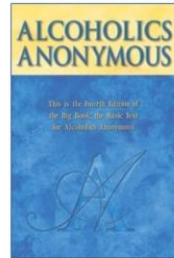
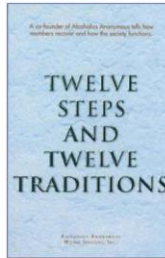
FREE **STEP WORKSHOP**
March 26 • 9AM-1:30PM

featuring:

Mike F. (Frederick) **Steps 1,2 & 3**

Scot M. & Kirsten U. (Frederick) **Steps 4 - 9**

Sandy O. (Walkersville) **Steps 10 - 12**



EURCC
15 W. Church St. Frederick
Book Give-Away's!



The Conference Agenda Review Committee (CARC)

CARC II / DISTRICTS 1, 6, 22, 23, 27, 31, 35, 36, 42



All AA Members Welcome!

Fresh perspectives and ideas wanted!

**Review, Discuss, & Present items to the
AREA 29 Delegate in preparation for the**

2022 General Conference

HAVE A VOICE

GET INVOLVED

Topics Covered:

Social Media

Service Manuals

**Changes to
Literature**

&

More

Join the Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 865 0648 6809

Password: 541042

2022 CONTRA STUDY

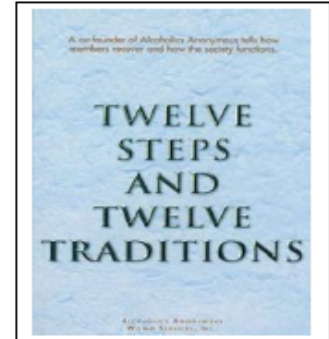
January 6, 2022 through April 21, 2022
Thursdays from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM Eastern Time
Moderated by Trusted Servants from Area 29 (Maryland)



Zoom Meeting ID: 860 6152 9673
Passcode: 330331

Dial-in number for phone callers: +1 (301) 715-8592

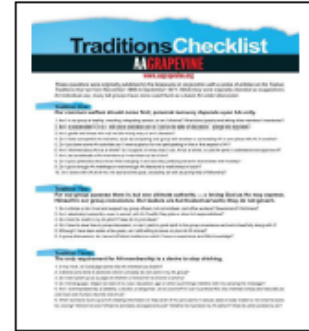
We invite all A.A. members to this virtual study of the
CONcepts, TRADitions & The A.A. Service Manual



Jan 6, 2022 – Registration & Orientation
Jan 13, 2022 – Traditions 1, 2 & 3
Jan 20, 2022 – Traditions 4, 5 & 6
Jan 27, 2022 – Traditions 7, 8 & 9
Feb 3, 2022 – Traditions 10, 11 & 12



Feb 10, 2022 – Service Manual, pp. I-VIII, 1-6, 85-104
Feb 17, 2022 – Svc Man Ch 1 2 3 & pp 105-14, 160-2
Feb 24, 2022 – Svc Man, Chapters 4 5 6 & pp 164-8
Mar 3, 2022 – Svc Man, Chapters 7 8 9 & pp 169-73
Mar 10, 2022 – Svc Man Ch 10 11 12 & pp 155-9, 163
Mar 17, 2022 – Service Manual, pp. 115-154
Mar 24, 2022 – Concepts pp I-VIII, C1-C2 & Con 1 2 3
Mar 31, 2022 – Concepts 4, 5 & 6
Apr 7, 2022 – Concepts 7, 8 & 9
Apr 14, 2022 – Concepts 10 & 11
Apr 21, 2022 – Concept 12



CONTRA Study Materials (provided via email upon request):

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, B-2 (free download at www.aa.org)
The A.A. Service Manual combined with The Twelve Concepts for World Service, BM-31, 2021-2023 edition
AA Grapevine Traditions Checklist, July 2018 revision
2022 CONTRA Study Service Manual Questions
A.A.W.S. Concepts Checklist, SMF-91, 08/18 edition

We will cover approximately three chapters of reading material per week, with associated questions.
Only those who have read the assignment and have written answers to the weekly questions will be invited
to read their answers to the group. All others are welcome to join the meeting and listen.

Presented by District 28, Area 29
For more information, contact:
2022contrastudy@gmail.com

BEGINNERS WORKSHOP - ONGOING

Do you know anyone new to AA? Do you have any new sponsees? Take advantage of this beginner orientation! Feel free to come check it out even if you're not new!

The format includes:

*An introduction to Alcoholics Anonymous (What is AA? What is a Big book? What is a Home Group? What is a Sponsor...)

*A speaker sharing about their beginning into the program

*20 minutes of Q&A (There is no such thing as a dumb question)

When: Last Saturday of each Month, 1:30 pm Eastern

Where: Join via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84039113545?pwd=akdzMTFBQmZSZ2o1TWZ2eIvLWSttdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 3911 3545; Passcode: 164164

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS: SHOWING THE TIME DIFFERENCE

Central Europe + 6 hours <https://alcoholics-anonymous.eu/online-meetings/>

New Zealand +16 hours <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2923712604>

Australia + 12 to + 14 hours <https://aa.org.au/meetings/online-aa-meetings/>

United Kingdom +5 hours <https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk/members/regional-&-local-websites/Not~in~a~Region/Online-Groups>

OTHER NEWS

Grapevine and La Viña Are Here to Help: To help members during this time, Grapevine is giving everyone free access to all of its 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. (The audio to Grapevine's stories will be available as well, so people can listen to the stories if they like.) Please share with your fellows. Also, here is a link to Grapevine's YouTube channel with some original audio stories as well as other important information. To enter, visit: www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help.



If you have an Event/Announcement/Anniversary/Recent Meeting Change you'd like to appear in a future issue of Chatter, please send details to wcichatter1@gmail.com. Our Website is located at <http://westcentralaa.org/>. To unsubscribe from Chatter, please go to the website and click on the Chatter Tab at the top. Our List of Meetings (Including In-Person, Online, or Hybrid) is also posted on the website, click on "[Meetings](#)" at the top of the page. There is also a Printable Version of the meetings on the website. To Add, Remove or Change a Meeting, on the website, go to the "Meetings" Tab and choose "[Meeting Change](#)". Also, please direct your AA friends to the website to [subscribe](#) to Chatter if they are so inclined. Scan the QR Code below to visit the WCI Website.

